(b) whether the Agricultural Cost and Price Commission has started functioning, if not, what are the reasons for delay in setting up the Commission and by when the Commission is> likely to be established; and

(c) what would be the fundamental difference between the functioning of the Agricultural Cost and Price Commission and that of the Agricultural Price Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Agricultural Prices Commission was set up on 8th January, 1965 and has been functioning since then as per the approved terms of reference. The Commission was re-n?med as Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices on 18th March, 1985. Proposal to restructure the Commission and to increase the number of members is under consideration.

(c) The terms of reference of the Commission remain uncharged.

Mandays created in West Bengal through 'Food for Work' Programme

115. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the-Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the total mandays created in West Bengal during the period 1977-78 to 1985-86 through the implementation of Food for Work Programme, National Rural Employment Programme and .other employment generation programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): Total employment generated in West Bengal during the period 1977-78 to 1985-86 under the Food for Work Programme, National Rural Employment Programme and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme conies to 2990.33 lakh mandays.

Atrocities on Scheduled Castes, and Scheduled Tribes

116. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of incidents of atrocities on the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the country during 1985 and the first six months of 1986;

(b) the total number of deaths of persons belonging to the Scheduled • Castes and Scheduled Tribes as a result of these atrocities during the sam» period;

(c) the total number of cases involving rape of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe women during the same period; and

(d) what factors are responsible for the rise in the incidents of atrocities on these weaker sections of society?

' THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House *(See below).*

(d) The total number of crimes against Scheduled Castes during 1985 was 15320 as against 15987 in 1984. Similarly, in respect of Scheduled Tribes the total number was 4034 in 1985 against 4300 in 1984. It is thus seen that there was no rise in the total number of incidents of crimes against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the year 1985 compared to the figures for 1984. Statement

Total number of crimes, murder and rape against Scheduled^ Caste and Scheduled Tribes in r$8j and frist 6 months of 1986

No. or crimes against

Ye J	Schednled Castes			Schedeu'd Tribes		
	Tot il Crimes	Murder	Rape	To:al Crimes	Murder	Rape
1985	15320	498	695	4034	148	24T
1986*	4690	177	2-38	1457	53	IO7

♦Full information in respect of all the States for the first six months of J 986 is not yet available. The information is upto different months for different States.

Allocations for New Steel Projects

117. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total allocation for new steel projects In the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) what are the details of the projects taken up or likely to be taken up for implementation during the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) The total Plan provision in the Seventh Five *Yei\x* Plan for new steel projects is Rs. 10 crores.

(b) It will not be possible to take up any new project in the light of this meagre allocation for the 7th Plan. Marginal work, however, is going on in the Vijayanagar and Daitari Projects.

Rice production in Orissa

118. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister or AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that rice production is going down in Orissa; and

(b) if so, what special plans and allocation of additional funds are proposed in order to increase the production of foodgrains in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGEN-, DRA MAKWANA): (a) No. Sir. Orissa harvested a record production of 51.21 lakh tonnes of Rice during 1983-84. However, owing to drought conditions during 1984-85;' the production declined to 45.26 lakh tonnes. As per the preliminary assessments, the State is expected to reach a record level of 53 lakh tonnes of rice during 19B5-86.

(b) For increasing the production of rice and pulses, a Special Rice Production Programme and the National Pulses Development Programme have been launched during the Seventh Five Year Plan. The financial outlay for 1986-87 under Special Rice Production Programme is Rs. 252 lakh and under the National Pulses Deve-opment Project i~ Rs. -42.34 lakh which would be tally shared between the Gov ment of' India and 'th$_e$ State Govern. ment.

Broadcasting of Indian and foreign songs by All India Radio

119. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rates of royalty paid by All India Radio for broadcasting/ playing Indian and Foreign film songs, respectively;

(b) when were the present rates fixed;

(c) whether in the matter of payment of royalty, favour is shown in respect of the foreign film songs; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons, therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRl V. N. GADGIL): (a) The film procedures are being paid Rs. *Il-* as royalty for each Indian film song per broadcast. For Indian Film songs Rs. 19/- for 60 minutes is also paid to Gramophone Company. The rate of payment for Western music of all types is calculated on the basis of hourage and not per record or song. The present rate is pound 3 per hours. • (b) Present rates fo$_r$ Indian film songs are effective from 1st April. 1983 and ' the rate for foreign film songs @ pound 3 per hour is being paid from 1-4-1975.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET

FOR THE 17TH JULY, 1986

Employment of Class III and IV employees on ad hoc basis

*1. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are awar$_e$ that a large number of Class TH and IV em-

fThe sitting of the Rajya Sabha on 17th. July, 1986 was adjourned on account of death of Babu Jagjivan Ram and others. Answers to questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on 18th July, 1986.